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Mr. David F. Linowes, Chairman Privacy Protection Study Commission 2120 L Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of your Commission's report entitled <u>Personal Privacy in</u> an Information Society.

Such a study is invaluable and represents a significant step forward in insuring that the individual privacy rights of every American are better protected. I am circulating this report to those individuals directly concerned with these matters.

Again, many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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The Privacy Protection Study Commission was created by the Privacy Act of 1974. The 638-page report is the result of the Commission's two-year study during which 60 days of hearings and meetings were held and more than 300 witnesses heard. The Commission did a study of data banks, automatic data processing programs, and information systems of governmental, regional and private organizations, in order to determine the standards and procedures in force for the protection of personal information. The Commission has recommended 162 specific ways to give legal emphasis to the individual's concern for the confidentiality of his (her) In general, the Commission's recommendations provide a framework within which the individual can have access to records maintained about him (her), a right to know how the information is collected, what uses will be made of it, who can see it and how it will be disclosed. In response to the recommendations made by the Commission, Representatives Goldwater of California and Koch of New York, both of whom served on the Commission, on 12 July 1977, introduced legislation to stop the unnecessary intrusion into the private lives of Americans. They claim their ten bills would guarantee privacy of credit, banking, insurance and medical records. proposals cover abuse of the social security number and the record-keeping practices of the Internal Revenue Service.)

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> Admiral Stansfield Turner Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

On behalf of the Privacy Protection Study Commission, I am pleased to enclose a copy of <u>Personal Privacy in an Information Society</u>, our final report to the President and the Congress. I hope you and your staff find the report of interest, as its recommendations call for action by the Executive branch and State governments, as well as by the Congress.

If you have any questions about the report, please do not hesitate to contact me or Carole Parsons, the Commission's Executive Director, at (202) 634-1477.

Very truly yours,

David F. Linowes

Chairman

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